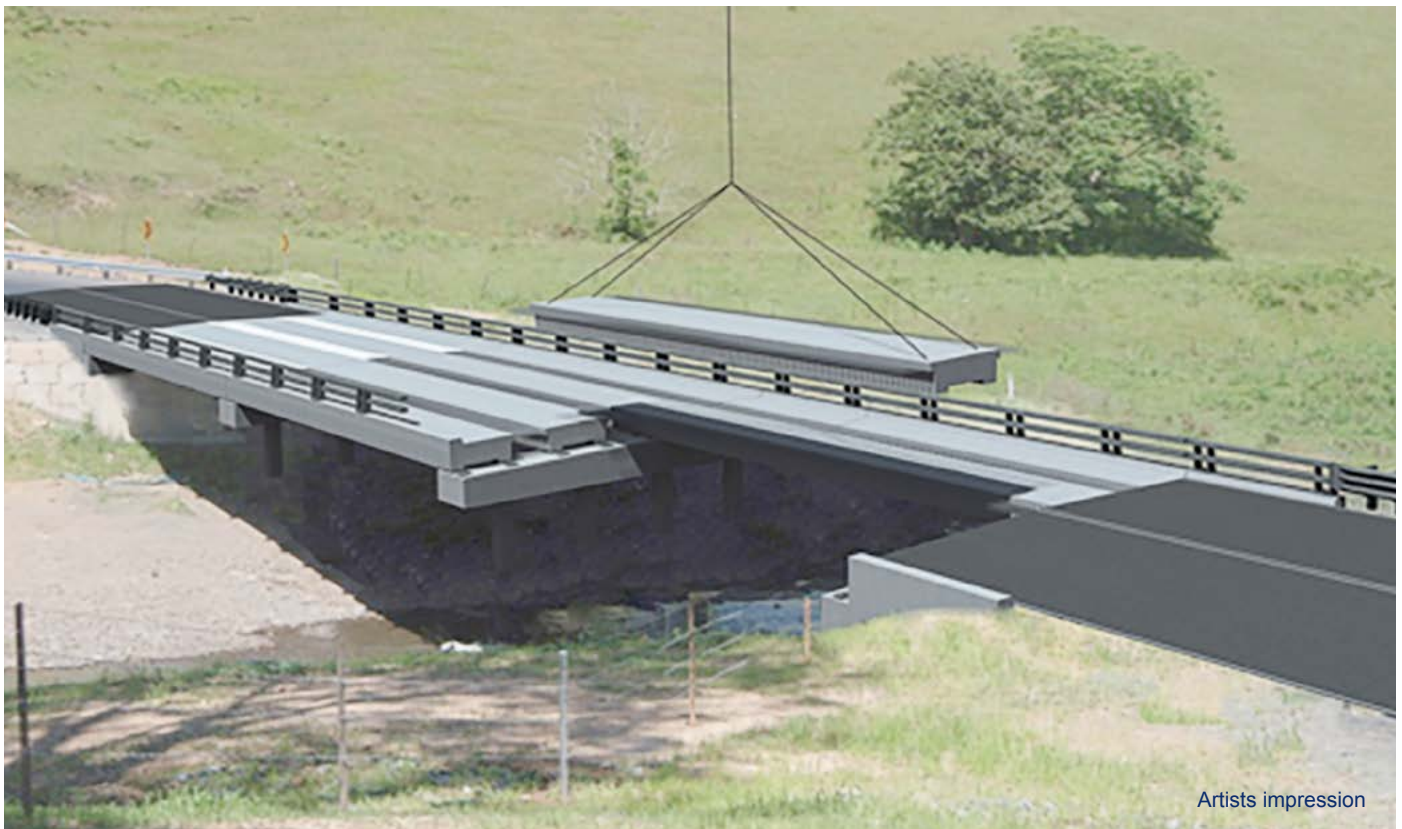


Our Country Bridges are critical infrastructure in regional communities; they connect our towns, bring our communities together and allow the growth of national and state economies.

When a bridge fails or is load limited, the impact on regional communities and the economy can be significant.

The NSW Government is seeking to partner with councils to develop an innovative and cost effective bridge replacement system to better connect rural communities and to create regional employment opportunities.



Country Bridge Solutions – a fresh approach

The NSW Government is developing an innovative and cost effective solution to enable regional councils to replace bridges on their roads. The solution will:

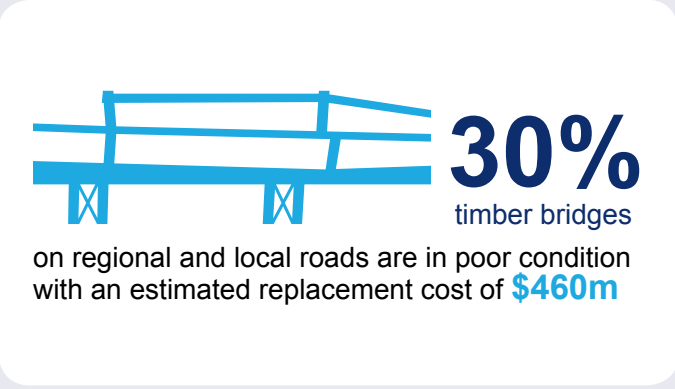
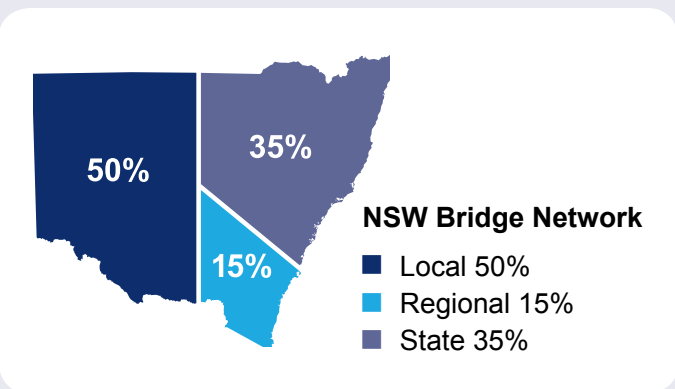
- Provide a simple and easy to build solution developed by elite bridge and construction engineers
- Deliver cost savings by using standardised prefabricated components
- Use existing council resources and country manufacturing capability to replace bridges
- Provide technical manuals to guide council staff during design and construction
- Adopt a collaborative approach between all levels of government to prioritise and implement the program to connect rural communities

The Benefits

- ✓ Improves the connectivity of local communities
- ✓ Creates regional employment opportunities
- ✓ Improves social interaction and access for community and industry
- ✓ Minimal disruption to communities during construction
- ✓ Improves natural disaster resilience
- ✓ Enhances and supports council workforces

The state of our country bridges

Local councils face the growing challenge, as road authorities, of maintaining and eventually replacing aging bridges on their Regional and Local Roads



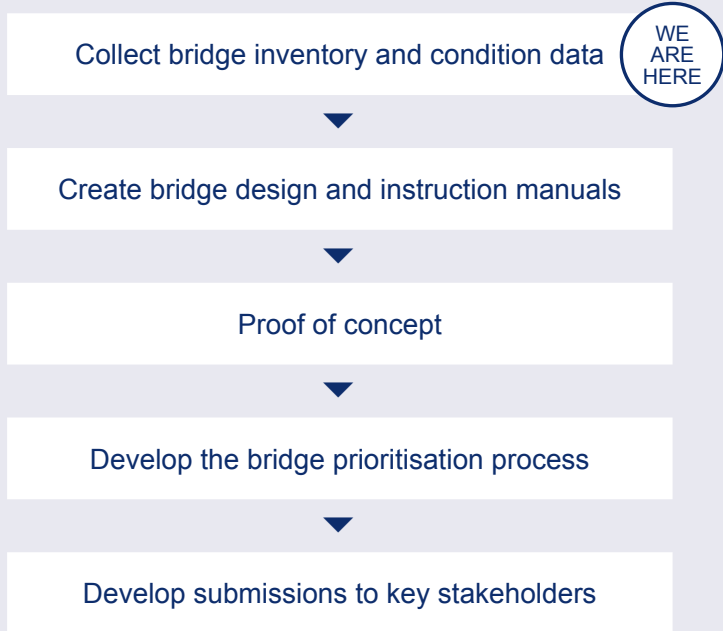
Next steps

The NSW Government and regional councils will jointly deliver the Country Bridge Solution to communities. Regional councils will be invited to:

- Provide bridge inventory and condition data to develop a fit for purpose solution
- Attend collaborative workshops to help develop the solution
- Inform the bridge prioritisation process
- Collaborate on the development of key submissions to stakeholders.

The NSW Government is focused on improving the social and economic well-being of regional communities.

Project process



Register your interest

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